



ASK A LAWYER

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Who should I choose as an executor?

An executor is the person you choose to carry out the directions in your Will after your death. This person must have the time and ability to carry out many duties as your personal representative. Two or more persons can act as co-executors.

Managing an estate can be difficult and time-consuming. If there are ongoing trusts in your Will, the responsibilities can last for several years. Some things to keep in mind are:

- Your executor should be a trustworthy and reliable adult with good judgment. Some business knowledge is preferable, but not required.
- You should ask the chosen person's permission to be named as executor so that you are sure he or she will agree to act at the required time.
- To reduce administrative expenses, choose someone who lives in the same province.
- Choose someone who is likely to outlive you.
- You should name a substitute executor in case your first choice dies, moves away, or is otherwise unable to do the job.
- Your spouse, a friend, a family member, or a beneficiary may not have the necessary qualities to do a good job as executor. A professional executor may be an option.
- If your preferred executor lacks the required skills, you could consider naming them to act jointly with a trust company.
- You can name your lawyer as your executor, but most lawyers do not often act as executors. Before you name your lawyer, check that he or she is willing and able to act.

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Emergency Room Visits	56,442
Active Research Projects	1,200
Heart Transplants	10
MRI Brain Scans	381
Day Surgeries	34,524
Specialty Rooms	
Employees	7,380
Volunteers	1,400
Inpatient Admissions	24,598
Diagnostic & Therapeutic Appointments	323,000



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